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To Whom it May Concern,

As residents of the closest residential community to the future Hualapai Valley Solar plant, we want to emphasize the obligation its owners have to demonstrate good stewardship towards the community of all beings. The aquifer on which we all depend is already in depletion at a faster rate than nature can replenish. The planned wet-cool technology is short-sighted and will add to a faster rate of depletion. Similar facilities have structured their operations to accommodate newer dry-cooled technologies. This fact validates our argument in favor of water-saving strategies inherent in dry-cool.

Corporations are increasingly facing their sustainability obligations by shifting their business models away from motives of profit only towards a triple bottom line approach of profit, people, and planet. The construction industry can no longer assume that one building design and operational procedure works equally well in all geographical regions. Desert environments require more creative approaches to water conservation than might exist at other locations.

Sincerely yours,

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